

Appln. No. 09/696,095
Amdt. dated July 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated March 15, 2006

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
JUL 13 2006

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 1, line 10, as follows:

The present invention relates to a contents distributing apparatus that is connected to an information processing terminal and an output device via a network, and ~~[[that]]~~ which transmits and prints out to the output device the contents of which printing has been reserved by means of the information processing terminal via the network.

Recently, with the ~~[[spread]]~~ advent of ~~[[a]]~~ digital ~~camera~~ cameras, printing ~~service~~ services for printing data acquired by ~~[[the]]~~ digital ~~camera~~ cameras is becoming popular. In addition, a service environment in which contents are provided to an information processing terminal user by utilizing a communication network is also becoming popular, and printing service via such a communication network is provided. Such conventional printing ~~service is~~ services are classified into types as the ~~followings~~ following:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1, as follows:

Appln. No. 09/696,095
Amdt. dated July 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated March 15, 2006

(2) contents are printed by network search of a multimedia terminal installed at a shop or the like;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6, as follows:

(4) printing service is received by a user's personal computer through the Internet; and

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 11, as follows:

In the above mentioned printing service types (1) to (5), any of the information search place, printing place, print contents, printing medium, charge and the like is limited.

In addition, there is proposed a conventional printing and/or accounting system that is applicable to providing printing ~~service~~ services utilizing a network. In such a printing and/or accounting system, the accounting by departments or sections in a company is assumed, and print data such as the number of prints, the number of printing surfaces, printing time intervals, or toner or fonts required for printing is targeted for such accounting.

Appln. No. 09/696,095
Amdt. dated July 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated March 15, 2006

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 3, line 3, as follows:

In a printing service such as multimedia terminal, an information search place is limited. Thus, there are many cases in which the user does not go to a place at which the printing service is provided unless any substantial print request has been made. Therefore, a service provider that provides printing service needs to advertise the contents of printing services to the users. An advertisement cost associated with advertising activities occurs. As a result, types or quantity of services that can be provided are limited.

In addition, for the service provider that provides printing ~~service~~ services, if an information search place is limited, there have occurred many ~~[[cases]]~~ instances in which only an information search is performed, and the printing service is not finally performed. Thus, the profitability of the printing service ~~has been~~ is greatly impinged due to a loss of the other user's opportunities caused by an increased search wait time.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 3, line 23, as follows:

Appln. No. 09/696,095
Amdt. dated July 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated March 15, 2006

Internet information search service using a portable information processing terminal such as a cellular telephone does not limit ~~[[a]]~~ the place at which information is searched while ~~[[one]]~~ the user is moving. However, if one brings a printer, its size and weight are limited.

Further, there does not exist any printing service provider for a portable information processing terminal such as cellular telephone. Thus, one ~~[[can not]]~~ cannot receive a printing service for information searched while one is moving by holding a cellular phone or the like ~~at a near plate~~.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10, as follows:

Mobile contents with high real-time properties are provided to a portable information terminal such as a cellular telephone. However, an image with a large amount of information and high visual properties is not acceptable because of limited terminal display screen size or communication infrastructure performance, ~~and the limited contents are provided.~~

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 4, line 24, as follows:

Appln. No. 09/696,095
Amdt. dated July 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated March 15, 2006

In a printing service in which contents distributed from a network are printed, a printing medium is determined depending on the contents or printing devices, and there does not exist a printing service provided in accordance with a printing medium that the user arbitrarily selects.

Examples of print media include plain ~~papers~~ paper, refills of a notebook, printed stickers, greeting cards, post cards, posters and the like, which differ from each other depending on printing size, material, mode and the like. Furthermore, a printing service which prints out website contents on such media as stickers, cards, or notebook refill surfaces -- wherein both sides of the individual sheets are to be printed -- does not exist.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 5, line 14, as follows:

The charge ~~[[of]]~~ for the printing service in which contents distributed from a network is printed is not compatible with a fixed charge system at a print shop ~~or the like~~.

The charge ~~[[of]]~~ for the printing service greatly depends on the contents charge provided, and the cost of the printing medium and the toner cost for color printing also greatly varies

Appln. No. 09/696,095
Amdt. dated July 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated March 15, 2006

depending on the contents. Further, in response to a case in which a plurality of contents are printed onto a single printing medium, it is required to establish a system for computing the charge in a printing service in which contents distributed via a network are printed.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 5, as follows:

(1) the charge of contents with their high rate at a cost of utilizing a printing service is not targeted for accounting: